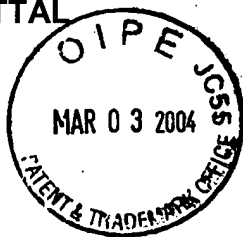


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number: 09/698,044
	Filing Date: October 30, 2000
	First Named Inventor: Karl L. GINTER et al
	Group Art Unit: 2132
	Examiner: W.P. Amsbury
	Attorney Docket Number: 07451.0001-16000
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement

iv. ☒ Other 3rd Supplemental Notice of Related Litigation w/ Exhibits 1-2, and CD ROM containing material from Exhibit 2 (Ex B & C) and Information Disclosure; Notice of Interference.

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

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a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

i. ☒ \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for ([number] Months) \$[Fee]

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$[Text] enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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Signature: *Andy Schwaab*

Date: *March 2, 2004*

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